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Dear Joshua:

Thank you very much for your letter of April 12 and the kind
offer to pay my travel expenses to Madison. I am sure you realize
that I would live very much to take advantage of this offer since I
know that much could be learned by a visit to your laboratory, as well
as the bacteriology laboratories at the University. I would like
very much to go, but the first week in May I must go to Alaska. On May
28 my daughter graduates from the University of Kentucky. On July
14 she gets married. The week of May 17 I must give a course to
Epidemiology nurses. On June 4 I must take part in a panel on enteric
diseases given by the Epidemiology Branch. The week of June 11 I
probably must go to the AMA meeting in Chicago and the following week
I am going to Quebec. Do you see how I can expect to do anything this
summer?

In addition to all of these various activities it is possible
that I will be faced with replacement of personnel in the Unit. Therefore,
as much as I regret it, it seems very doubtful that I could come to
Madison before August 15 or September 1. Under these conditions you
probably would not be interested in having me. If you would like me to
come at some date several months in the future, it is possible that I
could make it. From a personal standpoint, as stated above, I would
like very much to come.

With kindest regards to you and Esther, I am

Sincerely yours,

Phil

Philip R. Edwards

*I dislike this situation very much. I do not know
how they expect me to get any work done —
even routine work. After July 15 I hope to
cease being a travelling man and resume
laboratory pursuits. The only reason I'm going to Quebec
is to see Kauffmann once more — perhaps for the last time,
who knows?*